

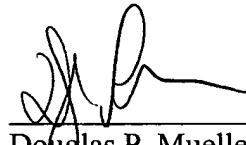
Remarks

In view of the above amendment, the 35 USC 112 and 102/103 issues in the Office Action of July 18, 2002 are moot. Applicants do not concede the correctness of the rejections and reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of claims 23-26.

The other issues in the July 18, 2001 Office Action are rejections for obviousness double patenting over US 5,869,013 and US 5,985,225. These rejections are rendered moot by the Terminal Disclaimer filed herewith.

Favorable reconsideration in the form of a Notice of Allowance is requested. Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Merchant & Gould P.C., Deposit Account No. 13-2725.

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